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ROYALTY'S LONDON HOME

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, November 25th.
The King and Queen returned to London this week, looking all the better for their holiday and rest in the Highlands. During their absence Buckingham Palace has undergone a thorough "winter clean," which is a somewhat formidable undertaking, seeing that there are 500 rooms in this London home of Royalty, and that they have all been overhauled by the staff. It is a curious fact that modern methods of house cleaning are not in vogue at Buckingham Palace; for instance, there are no vacuum cleaners, and everything is done by hand in the old-fashioned way. But the result is to make the place spotless. The task of cleaning the Queen's apartments is an anxious one, as her rooms are filled with rare old china, glass, and priceless souvenirs of her travels. In order that things shall be replaced in exactly the same position after the cleaners finish their job, photographs of the Queen's boudoir are taken beforehand as a guide to the staff.

Kilts at Olympia.
There was something in the nature of a sensation one day at the Motor Show which has concluded at Olympia—a success in every way—when it became known that the Committee of the Show had ordered an assistant of one of the Scottish firms who was wearing tartan kilts to change his garb. The reason given was that under the rules of the Show no exhibitor is entitled to appear on a stand in fancy dress. The suggestion that a kilt is fancy dress aroused the patriotic pride of the Scots, and the Committee's ruling was promptly and indignantly challenged; but the official reply was, in effect, that the young man in the alleged fancy costume would have to get into trousers or get out. Fortunately the prospect of a Highland rising and march of the clans across the Border against the English was averted by the compliance of the exhibitor with the Committee's behest. The young man changed the kilt for conventional dress.

I may say that there was no intention to disparage or ridicule the Scottish national costume. But the Show authorities cannot relax the rule referred to. To permit national costume on the stands might easily lead to startling results. Some half-dozen foreign nations are annually represented at the Motor Show, and what with Spanish bull-fighters, Tyrolean mountaineers, and Neapolitan ice-cream vendors, Olympia would look more like a ball-room than a place for serious business. John Bull might look well enough at an agricultural show, but his farmer's get-up is somehow hard to associate with the elegant mechanical polish of an up-to-date car.

I understand that the assistant in kilts who attracted so much notice was handing sprigs of white heather to visitors to the Show from his stand, and this action also had something to do with the Committee's prompt intervention.

The Bookmakers' Strike.

Going on strike seems to be catching like measles since the miners have been doing it for six months; or how else can you explain the action of the bookmakers in Tattersall's Ring at the Windsor races this week in refusing to take bets as a protest against the betting tax which has now come into operation? The idea of the gentry who call the odds, and generally know how to take care of themselves where backers are concerned, proceeding to follow the example of coal hewers and bricklayers is really comical. There was no betting on the two days of the Windsor meeting, and as backers stayed away since there was nobody to take their bets the racecourse company lost a couple of thousand pounds in gate money.

That is one side of the story. What the ultimate result will be is a matter for speculation. The incident at Windsor is not to be repeated, but it is more than possible that it will have results that the bookmakers in question did not anticipate. Their grievance—in common with bookmakers generally—is that the tax makes it next to impossible for them to carry on their business. Nobody believes this, of course, and the last man who will believe it is the Chancellor of the Exchequer. The "bookies" also appear to think that if there is no betting there will be no racing to speak of, but here again they are mistaken. Many countries have abolished bookmaking altogether, France being a notable example, and betting is transacted through the machine, which takes a percentage of all stakes. In all these countries racing flourishes.

KUEICHOW FAMINE STRICKEN.

MISSIONARY'S GHASTLY STORIES.

TALES OF CANNIBALISM.

According to the N.C. Daily News to hand, what foreign missionaries are doing in famine relief in China is illustrated by a statement given by Mr. J. H. N. Robinson, of the China Inland Mission, stationed at Tsungyi, Kueichow province.

Tsungyi is the second largest city in Kueichow, and lies about ten days inland from Chungking. During the famine of last winter, following a season of bad crops, as many as 50 people died in a single day.

Tales of Cannibalism.
Each inmate of the emergency hostel was obliged to do his part toward famine relief. This included cooking and preparation of rice which would be distributed among the starving townsfolk, the carrying of coal and supplies, sewing, making of straw matting and sandals, and helping in all the necessary ways with famine victims.

The fact that the missionaries had enough funds to carry on this work was due to the good offices of local silk merchants, one of whom had conditions brought home to him by Mr. Robinson. In company with this merchant, Mr. Robinson went the rounds of the town one cold winter night to point out the names of the suffering. On this round they came to a wretched hovel which was being used by country people, many of them formerly well off, but destitute through failure of their crops. A large fire burned in the centre and around it were hunched the sleeping figures of those in the last stages of starvation.

The dead lay about and received no attention whatever from the starving stories who sat among them. In many cases it had been verified by Mr. Robinson that a not unrequited occurrence was for a sleeping famine sufferer to topple over into the fire, become baked and provide a gruesome repast for those huddled in these wretched community shelters. During the particular famine in question it had been verified a number of times that human beings were killed and eaten by the starving and though the penalty for this was severe it existed none the less. The fact, also, that many opium eaters were unable to obtain their daily ration of the drug accounted for numbers of deaths, indirectly due to the hard times of the famine.

Little Anti-Foreignism.

Describing his journey to Shanghai, Mr. Robinson said that almost no anti-foreignism was encountered coming down the river. At one place, in Szechuan, at a small village named Kai Shih about 60 miles from Chungking, soldiers in an inn where the missionaries stopped manifested slight anti-foreign feeling, which however was entirely dissipated by the missionaries' small children who won them over through eating with Chinese chopsticks and speaking Chinese. The soldiers returned later on in the evening with fruit for the foreign children who are generally able to put Chinese in a good humour. Near the same place a little trouble was experienced on board the train where the missionaries were told that they could not travel as they were Japanese and Japanese had just bombarded Wanchow. Notwithstanding this the missionaries were allowed to travel in peace.

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Shortsighted Policy.

Most people agree that the action taken by the bookmakers at Windsor is foolish, and that those responsible for it are merely using a weapon with which to cut their own throats. If there are similar sporadic strikes in the next few weeks or months a good deal of confusion will be caused and the existing order of things will be seriously disturbed for the time being. Betting all over the country is transacted on the basis of the starting prices as ruling in Tattersall's Ring. These prices are obtained by representatives of two sporting papers who are entitled to look at the books of the leading bookmakers, and the figures so obtained are wired from the course to the news agencies and thereafter all over England. On these prices betting is done everywhere.

Of course, if there is no betting in Tattersall's Ring there can be no betting at all anywhere since there are no starting prices to go upon. This happened during the two days' strike of bookmakers at Windsor. It can be easily imagined that the subject was discussed in clubs and elsewhere to the exclusion of almost every other topic. The trouble seems quite likely to revive the demand for the totalisator in which the odds are worked out automatically, and the tax levied by taking it out of the till.—H.B.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

Sixth Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls: Final of singles and doubles Championship of Colony, at Kowloon Cricket Club.

Cricket and Football (details in to-day's issue).

Yachting: 5th Championship Race.

European Y.M.C.A. Camera Club ramble.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Palace Hotel dance, 9 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "The Sea Beast."

World Theatre: "The Man Life Passed By."

Star Theatre: "The Song of Love."

Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (President Jackson). Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Karmala), 10.30 a.m.

Sunday.

Annual Church parade of Scottish Company, H.V.D.C. at Union Church, 11 a.m. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

Social Gathering, St. John's Cathedral Hall after evensong (8 p.m.). Music, Light refreshments. Service men welcomed.

Cricket: "C.R.C. v. H.V.D.C." on C.R.C. ground, 11 a.m.

Golf: Jasper Clark Cup, and Qualifying Rounds for Championship.

Yachting: St. Andrew's v. St. George's Societies.

Queen's Theatre: "The Wall Flower."

Monday.

Last Xmas Letter Mail for Home closes (via Siberia), 10.30 a.m.

Yachting: Ladies' 3rd Championship Race.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Lecture: "Radio," by Mr. A. J. Cheterton, assisted by Mr. G. A. Taylor, at Institution of Engineers, 5.45 p.m. Practical demonstrations.

Queen's Theatre: "The Wall Flower."

Principal Mails:—Outward: America, and Europe via America (Siberia Maru), 5.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Suwa Maru), 10.30 a.m.

Tuesday.

Sanitary Board Mtg., 4.15 p.m.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Ball, City Hall, 8.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Pyrrhus), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Principal Mails:—Inward: Canada, U.S.A., etc. (Empress of Asia).

Thursday.

Annual Street Sale of Roses for Society of St. Vincent de Paul for poor of Hong Kong.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

Umbrella Sale Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road, for Charitable Objects.

Ladies' Night, European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon.

Friday.

H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.

To Secretaries.

[Secretaries of clubs and associations, etc., are kindly requested to forward any forthcoming events to the Daily Press for inclusion in the above column, which it is our endeavour to keep as correct and up-to-date as possible.]

Anonymous Letters in Hampshire Village.

Expert on the Handwriting.

Reference was recently made in our columns to the case of anonymous letter writing which has for years annoyed the vicar and several people connected with the parish church at Yateley, a little Hampshire village, near Aldershot.

Not long ago one of these letters was shown to a handwriting expert in London, who said the extremely bad writing was no indication of the writer's intelligence. On the contrary, he declared, the spelling and some of the well-formed letters indicated that the writer was fairly well educated.

Elaborate care had been taken to disguise the handwriting, as was shown by the way the same letters were written differently. There were several "B's" in the extract, and they were all formed differently.

It was not possible to tell definitely whether the writer was a man or a woman, but he was inclined to the view that it was a woman.

It was difficult, too, to tell what the character of the writer's own "hand" was, for it was obvious that the writing had been disguised for so many years that the original characters had been almost lost.

The local police are still pursuing their inquiries into the matter.

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CHINESE ART INFLUENCE IN LONDON.

LACQUER AND COLOUR EFFECTS.

JAPANESE CRAFTSMEN BUSY IN ENGLAND.

London artistic circles are discovering, more and more, the charm of things Chinese. In this article, reprinted from the *Daily Mail* a vivid description is given of the present day use of Chinese lacquer and how in such important decorative details as lampshades and cushions the West is turning for new ideas and inspiration to the Far East.

Until recently the beauty of Chinese art was only known to those who had been "out East" and a small circle of connoisseurs.

The desire for introducing a note of colour in a room still creates a good demand for lacquer furniture, which had a great vogue a few years ago.

Items in Chinese decorative schemes include the low tea-table—generally lacquered—which is typical of modern ideas of comfort and suggests a Chinese home; lampshades which resemble a mandarin's hat and others which are replicas of Chinese pagodas. The furnishing expert has a variety of lampshades of Chinese damask made in Shanghai.

Chinese Designs in Cushions, Clothes, and Furniture.

Cushions show lovely Chinese embroidery and heavy tassels; chairs are covered with Chinese damask, and plain silk curtains have Chinese borders. Even the smoking coat is heavy with a pattern of gold and silver, and makes one think of willows and lotus flowers. Lacquer furniture and all things Chinese seem to belong to the lounge or music room where is housed the wireless and the gramophone and which has more or less taken the place of the drawing-room in many modern houses.

When East Meets West.

Some people still think that lacquered furniture looks best by itself, but others consider that it can be a thing apart in a room of East and West. The quaintest meeting of East and West is the grandmother clock in red lacquer.

At one time modern lacquered furniture had a reputation for being flimsy and gimcrack; drawers never fitted and cabinets easily came to pieces. That has all been altered since good English furniture-making firms added lacquered furniture to their stock. They make the furniture and sometimes send it to the lacquer factory to be decorated. It is even possible to have mahogany furniture already in use lacquered, if a Chinese room is desired. Lacquered furniture has been produced in England for about 150 years.

Japanese Teach a Chinese Craft.

It is interesting to follow a piece of furniture to the Japanese lacquer factory. There are about five of these factories in London. In some cases Japanese, brought over years ago, teach lacquer work to English workmen. The

curious part is that they do not teach Japanese lacquer work, but Chinese.

At one factory the Japanese manager, a neat little figure in a white coat, explained: "English people like Chinese lacquer best; Japanese different. It has not polished like Chinese. Lacquer on furniture quite English; in Japan only used to decorate small articles—trays and boxes."

The Japanese workman is not disturbed, however, by the change to bigger pieces, for he only works on a panel at a time. That is why the four panels of your lacquered wardrobe will be different, because they will be done by different hands. The one panel indeed goes through many fingers.

Many Workers on One Lacquer Panel.

The Japanese artist only makes the design, another clothes it with a composition, which raises it up; another covers it with gold leaf; another polishes it so that the air is excluded and it may remain bright, as the lacquer of 900 years ago is to-day.

Other lesser artists paint in the ground-work, smaller artists still do the decorative borders. But they all work without patterns; not drawing first, but evolving designs with their brushes.

Eastern Influence in Design.

Naturally, the designs have all the Chinese or Japanese feeling. That is why the work comes more easily to the Japanese than to the English. Lacquered furniture with English designs makes it lose its character at once. It seems necessary for it to have a rock, a pagoda, a willow tree; a bird, and a Chinese figure.

Englishmen Work With Japanese.

Sometimes English workmen work side by side with Japanese workmen under a Japanese manager. English girls and Japanese girls work happily together painting borders. The Japanese girl acquires the art in about three weeks, but the English girl has usually to be an art student first in order to win success.

"Tortoiseshell lacquer is obtained by a second colour being smeared here and there on to the brown groundwork by means of a duster or a sponge," said an expert.

JOLLY BRITISH FILM.

"FLAG LIEUTENANT."

THE SORT THEY WILL LIKE
OVER SEAS.

A dance on board a British battleship, the dressing of a flag on the King's Birthday, and a hundred other vivid glimpses of life in our Navy were seen in a delightful new British film, "The Flag Lieutenant," shown recently at the New Gallery Cinema, Regent-street, London, before a large gathering.

"The Flag Lieutenant," that light-hearted comedy-drama, makes when translated into terms of motion-pictures at once an ideal entertainment, and exactly the type of British film most desirable. The Admiralty permitted many scenes to be taken on board H.M.S. *Tiger*, and few more beautiful or intriguing sights have yet been seen on the screen.

Against the majestic background of the British Navy, Mr. Maurice Elvey had skillfully projected the tale of the genial, over-smiling Flag-Lieutenant Dicky Lascelles. As the gay hero, Mr. Henry Edwards was particularly happy in his film sweetheart Miss Lilian Oldland, a pretty girl who as the Admiral's daughter shows much natural charm and breeding.

A Lesson in Manners.

Film stars the world over might well study Miss Oldland's deportment to learn how a nice English girl really walks, talks, accepts a dance and shakes hands.

Messrs. Forrester Harvey and Humbleton Wright, always excellent, were admirable marine and sailor; "comic relief" respectively, and Mr. Fawcett played the very image of a tarty old admiral.

A relief party of marines and sailors is sent off to help to repel a native attack on a British outpost "somewhere in the Mediterranean." Lascelles, the joking "Flagvagn," heroically rushes a message for auxiliary help through the enemy when the fort is surrounded; and then allows his friend to have the credit, at the expense of his own honour for he was unfortunately missing from his post when the attack came. All turns out well, however, thanks to the women.

It is a film which is thoroughly competent and enjoyable. It successfully and entertainingly puts the British Navy on the screen. The Dominion ought to see it. They are bound to like it.

The film, as already mentioned, is based on the play of the same name by Major W. P. Drury, a gallant and able marine officer well known to senior officers of both services. Major Drury was also the writer of a number of admirable books and short stories dealing with naval life. His character, Private Paget, ex-marine and "publican," is worthy to rank with some of Kipling's soldiers. Janaway, the marine officer who hated "poodle-faking" is another of the Major's best creations.

FILMS OF THIRTY YEARS AGO.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE.

MODELS OF CLEARNESS AND
TECHNIQUE.

History was re-enacted some time ago when a privileged group of spectators watched a demonstration of the oldest films in the world at the Royal Photographic Society's rooms in London.

The historian of the occasion was Mr. Will Day, the famous collector of the cinematograph exhibits at the South Kensington Museum.

To see these films—each no more than 45 feet long—was to make an astonishing discovery. The film was when first invented astonishingly clear and the notorious "flicker," which was only eliminated comparatively recently, came afterwards.

These pictures were the actual strips of celluloid made as far back as 1896 and 1897; mostly they were shown on the actual projector used thirty years ago—and the result was a revelation of clearness and steadiness. One little film showing cavalrymen fording their horses was good enough in technical and photographic quality to appear in any film to-day and it emerged that even in those distant days the importance of angle was appreciated. The most remarkable and longest film of the evening was one showing Queen Victoria's Jubilee procession. It would challenge comparison with many similar pictures appearing in the news reels to-day. This strip is so obviously historic that one feels it ought to be acquired for the nation.

Mr. Day "places" the pioneer positions in the origin of cinematography as follows:—England first, then France, and then America. Recently at Bath Mr. Day opened a memorial to Mr. Rudge, who first conceived the idea of moving pictures, an idea which he expounded to Friese-Greene, who, anticipating Edison, developed it and made the cinema possible, but failed to reap the material advantages of his invention.

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KEEPING FIT.

A FILM "STAR'S" DIETARY.

Film "stars" Miss Annette Kellerman told the members of the Still Picture Theatre Club, London, could remain "stars" only so long as they paid the strictest attention to dietetics and physical culture. The camera was pitiless to stout or even to plump persons. It caused even the slimmest man or woman to appear 10lb. or 15lb. heavier than was actually the case. In order to attain the physical fitness necessary for her own screen work she had given up meat, sugar, tea, coffee, tobacco, wine, and spirits, and, since doing so, had felt perfectly well and strong. Meat sandwiches, she considered about the most unwholesome description of food in existence.

Anyone, she said, could keep well by cutting down their food by about 40 per cent, and taking plenty of exercise. When she had to appear at the Coliseum in an act necessitating absolute physical fitness and nerve control, her sole nourishment beforehand was the juice of six oranges, equal, she maintained, to a pound of steak and two large potatoes. Mr. W. M. Borradaile, of the Federation of British Industries, who presided, said that if the proposed "quota" or some other form of legislation favoured the production of British films, it would be very important to provide the necessary capital in order to build studios and ensure the Empire distribution of the films made in them. Unless such legislation were passed, the capitalists in question would, he was afraid, withhold their support.

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BRITAIN AS A MOTOR MARKET.

AN AMERICAN SURVEY.

An interesting American survey of the automobile industry and market in Great Britain is contained in an issue of "Commerce Reports" (United States Department of Commerce), which has just reached Hong Kong. It is shown that of the total number of commercial vehicles in use, including taxi-cabs, motor-ambulances, and all types of trucks, the percentage of British-built vehicles had risen to 36 last year, as compared with 45 in 1933, and that of British-assembled vehicles had fallen to 34 from 45, while the percentage of wholly foreign vehicles had remained constant. "With improved production methods and the inclusion of commercial vehicles under the McKenna duties," says the report, "it is reasonable to conclude that in the future the percentage of entirely British-built vehicles will rise and the percentage of British-assembled and purely imported commercial vehicles will continue to fall."

The opinion thus expressed is that of Mr. M. Mitchell, the American Commercial Attaché in London. With regard to private cars he takes rather a striking view. Comparing American with British conditions, he says that, taking into account the heavy tax burden in Great Britain, the comparatively high price of cars, the greater cost of fuel, together with the narrower distribution of purchasing power, it would seem inevitable that in Great Britain saturation point will soon be reached. Yet at present it is estimated that in Great Britain there is only one car to each 55 persons. Mr. Mitchell admits that the saturation point might be kept at a distance if the well-to-do British motoring public could be educated to a more rapid turnover of cars. At present 50 per cent. of the cars with five years of service are said to be still in use—a great tribute to their durability. Commenting on the predominance of the type of 14 h.p. and less, the Commercial Attaché warns his countrymen that in order to increase or maintain their future sales they must give increasing attention to that type. He shows that the average unit selling price of the British car has fallen 37 per cent. in four years.

JEWELLERY AT SCHOOL.

LITTLE GIRL RAISES
DEPARTMENTAL TYPHOON.

Violet Burton, aged 7, of West Coker, has raised a national question in Great Britain. Should a child be allowed to wear jewellery at school?

West Coker is a village 3 miles from Yeovil, Somerset, and the question, which began there as a dispute between Violet Burton's father and the local school managers, has now involved the county education authority and the Ministry of Education.

In April her father sent her to the West Coker elementary school wearing a small silver bracelet. The head mistress ordered her to take it off. Violet obeyed, but her father sent her back next day with the bracelet.

This time the mistress sent her home with a note to say that if Violet insisted on wearing a bracelet she would be expelled. The school managers met and resolved that no child should be allowed to wear jewellery in school.

Mr. Burton then fastened on Violet's arm a gold bracelet that could not be removed, and took her to school himself. She was refused admission.

Higher and Higher!

Mr. Burton invoked higher authorities and the case has been considered by the Board of Education. Several important departmental minutes have been written on the matter, and the final decision of the Minister of Education is that he cannot compel the school authorities to admit Violet plus bracelet.

The county education authority, on the other hand, have decided that they cannot support the local education authority in taking proceedings against the parents for Violet's non-attendance. There for the present the matter rests.

GLASGOW'S WOMAN LORD

PROVOST.

HELD OFFICE FOR FIVE DAYS.

Councillor Mrs. Mary Bell became, on November 1st, Glasgow's chief magistrate and the city's Lord Provost—an honour which has never fallen to a woman before. Her retention of the office extended only to five days, when, following the municipal election, she presided at the installation of the new Lord Provost.

Mrs. Bell, until she was made one of Glasgow's first two women magistrates two years ago had never entered a police court, but in the interval she has presided in court for every kind of case, from petty drunkenness to murder.

"Guilty, My Dear!"

She had the severe ordeal of attending one execution and, she said, throughout her duties she has been inspired by the conviction that when a woman enters public life it is her business to accept every task that presents itself, and not to choose pleasant ones, while leaving to men the unpleasant.

She added:—Men have not always thought kindly of me as a magistrate. I recollect that one man whom I fined two guineas for a particularly grave assault remarked contemptuously, "I would rather have been fined 20 by a nippy old bawle than be tried by a woman."

His rudeness was compensated for by a most respectable man who, when I formally asked him whether he was guilty or not guilty of taking too much, replied, "Guilty, my dear."

After installing the new Lord Provost, Mrs. Bell will for a year be his deputy and, next to him, the city's senior magistrate.

PRINCE OF WALES AT ST. CYR.

WELCOMED AT FRENCH
MILITARY COLLEGE.

"THE LITTLE CORPORAL."

Crowds waited all day long outside the Hotel Meurice, says a *Daily Express* correspondent in Paris, writing on October 29th, to cheer the Prince of Wales every time he left or entered.

The Prince, in the uniform of a colonel of the Guards, drove in pouring rain this afternoon to visit the French Military College at St. Cyr, near Versailles. He was made a corporal of the institute, and was formally invested with the sash, with its scarlet and white feathers, the white gloves, and the stripes of the rank.

The Prince was then taken to the dormitory and shown the bed he would occupy as a member of the school.

The Prince, in a happy speech, thanked the commander of the school for the honour conferred upon him. "You have given me back my youth," he said, "and I shall be proud to be known henceforth among my own people as 'The Little Corporal.'"

He paid homage to the memory of the 4,500 St. Cyrans who fell in the war by placing white chrysanthemums, in the form of the Prince of Wales' feathers, bound with red and white ribbon, at the base of the monument erected to the dead.

A squadron of airplanes manoeuvred overhead while the Prince reviewed the battalion of St. Cyr, and then he drove back to his hotel to change from uniform into multi to pay an informal visit to the Paris post of the British Legion.

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AGE RIDDLE OF A LONDON
CHURCH.EXCAVATIONS TO BE
UNDERTAKEN.

"Is St. Etheldreda's Church in quaint, historic Ely-place, Holborn, the ancient Christian Church of London?" asks the *Daily Express*.

This is the riddle archaeologists will attempt to solve when they begin their excavations ten feet below the ground under two blocks of diamond merchants' offices in Hutton-garden.

The two buildings will be pulled down early next month. They are probably 200 years old.

The rector of St. Etheldreda's Catholic Church, the Rev. Bernard Roe, has applied for permission to examine the foundations of the basement. He will probably have the assistance of eminent archaeologists.

Both buildings back on St. Etheldreda's, and Father Roe and those who are co-operating with him hope to find something which will lead them to the key to the riddle of the church's age.

Fourth Century?

"I believe we shall be able to prove beyond doubt that this church is the ancient Christian Church of London," said Father Roe. "No doubt we shall discover that the church dates back to the fourth or fifth century."

"I am basing my conclusions entirely on archaeological grounds. The first is the site which the church occupies in the ancient Holborn-road, which stretched from South Wales, across the Cotswolds, to London. An ancient British church was always on the north side of the old Roman road.

"The second argument is that a British church always stood on the top of a low hill.

"The third argument is that the church is just outside the walls of Roman London, like St. Martin's of Canterbury, which is acknowledged to be British, and St. Julius at Caerleon."

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TUT ANKH-AMEN'S RE-BURIAL.

The Egyptian Government issued a *communiqué* on October 31st announcing that the mummy of King Tut Ankh-Amen, having been rewrapped in its original shroud and placed in its first and outermost coffin, was lowered into the sarcophagus at Luxor (Valley of the Kings) two days previously in the presence of a number of Government officials.

The store-room of the tomb will now be investigated.

This chamber, though full of most interesting material in the nature of furniture of a funerary or religious character, is not expected to produce such valuable objects as those discovered in the burial chamber.

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THREE DESERT WEDDINGS.

MOROCCAN CAPITAL EN FETE.

The long road from Casa Blanca to Marrakesh the Red, the southern capital of Morocco, has become a racing-track, says a recent number of the *Daily Mail*. Streams of motor-cars and motor-coaches are rushing with passengers to the ancient city to witness the festivities attending the marriages on October 28th of the Sultan of Morocco's three sons to their first cousins.

Marrakesh presented a wonderful spectacle. Natives from all parts of the country arrived in thousands. About 600 caids came mostly in motor-cars, bringing presents of money to help the celebrations. Others rode in mounted upon magnificently caparisoned steeds, with saddles of woven gold and crimson making a gorgeous sight.

Tribal War-Cry.

Any European observer was struck by the mixture of the old and the new order of things. A rich and thrashing way in an immense limousine through a crowd of tribesmen from the Atlas mountains, who twirl their long guns above their heads and shout their tribal war-cry, would be followed by a party of young shopkeepers in a very cheap American motor-car, adding to the dust and din. Then would come a dignified old man with a long white beard and a venerable aspect, riding a mule and wrapped in the atmosphere of a previous generation. The activity in the native markets was enormous, and the shopkeepers soon made enough to compensate them for the contributions previously levied.

The Wedding Day.

The crash of big gunfire followed by bursts of rifle fire at the break of dawn ushered in the wedding day of the three sons of the Sultan of Morocco.

Shortly afterwards horsemen came into the city of Marrakesh to escort the three bridegrooms to their father and the waiting brides.

Within the great red walls the din and dust were terrific, with donkeys, camels, mules, horse cabs, and motor-cars all pushing their way through crowds of pedestrians in the narrow streets.

The Sultan's vast parade grounds, surrounded by high red walls, groves of olives, cypresses and palms, artificial lakes and green-tiled summer-houses, were packed with spectators. On duty as police were the Sultan's famous guards in their scarlet uniforms, white turbans, and white Highland spats, their band marching from square to square playing native and European tunes.

In the biggest of these squares, with crowds lined up on every side, the Sultan sat in the upper storey of a sort of turret, his wives on each side of him behind a silk veil.

Thousands of rifles were fired as the bridegrooms, superbly mounted, rode solemnly with their hoods drawn over their faces, surrounded by some of their closest friends, also covered, and their attendants on either side waving off the flies with silk scarves. There was a wild rush by spectators to get closer, but the princes, followed by a crowd of the principal native chiefs of Morocco, were able to continue their ride towards the Sultan.

On the left of the Sultan was a stand in which were M. Steeg, the French Resident-General in Morocco, M. Mue, Steeg, and the French staff.

As the princes approached the Sultan wave after wave of horsemen crossed the square at full gallop; the music grew louder and louder; the shooting became almost continuous. Clouds of dust and smoke obscured the view of almost everyone till the princes entered the palace for the official ceremony.

October 28th was chosen for the marriage because tradition, supposed to have been handed down from the prophets, says that high-class natives have always married on Sunday or Thursday. Preference is given to the latter day.

A feature of the feasting that started on the Thursday night and were kept up the next 10 or 12 days was the perpetual drinking of green tea flavoured with ambergris.

After the marriage ceremony which was strictly in private the bridegrooms were conducted to their brides. They were taken in a procession of many thousands of people, including women and children, all carrying torches and coloured lanterns, making a dazzling sight.

TWO V.C.'S IN COURT.

ONE DEFENDS THE OTHER.

Two holders of the Victoria Cross figured recently in a case at West Ham Police Court.

They were Job Henry Charles Drain, a motor-omnibus driver, of Barking, who was summoned by the West Ham Corporation for obstructing a tramway track with his omnibus, and Mr. B. Mackay Cloutman, who defended him.

The driver wore his decoration, one of the first awarded in the Great War at Le Cateau on August 26th, 1914, for helping to save guns under fire from hostile infantry only 100 yards away. Mr. Cloutman gained his "the last" to be earned on the Somme, on November 6th, 1918, for swimming alone across a river and under heavy fire cutting away the leads from a bridge which the enemy had prepared to blow up.

It was stated that Drain's omnibus kept on the track in front of a tramway-car for about half a mile despite the repeated use of the gong by the tramway-car driver.

Drain, who has been employed by the London General Omnibus Company for some years, said he could not draw clear of the tramway line because cyclists were in the way.

Mr. St. John Morrow, the magistrate, dismissing the case, said it should never have been brought, and he awarded £22 costs against the prosecution.

PLEASANT PENZANCE PIRATES.

PERFORMING IN THEATRE; NOT AT SEA!

ONE OF THE JOLLIEST GILBERT SULLIVAN'S.

Here in Hong Kong it is not so easy as in England to see the humorous side of Piracy. However, it has one, so at least those doughty knights of the gallant Victorian age, Sir William Gilbert and Sir Arthur Sullivan fully believed, and bringing their heads together the impact caused a delightful result: "The Pirates of Penzance."

Suppose it had happened here—that it was solemnly and officially reported, in newspapers and government gazettes that another British ship was pirated in the waters of the Colony a day or so ago, but on the pirate band finding that the officers, passengers, and crew were orphans, they wept bitterly, and released the ship with many apologies! All who know their Gilbert-Sullivan are aware that this is not the plot of "The Pirates of Penzance," which the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society is presenting next month.

However, the whole story is more elaborate than that. Little Frederick was apprenticed to a pirate, instead of a pilot, by Ruth the Pirate Maid of all Work, who thought "that the two words were so much alike," has when our story opens just become twenty-one and on attaining this age proposes to leave the band and devote himself to their extermination. He wishes to leave Ruth behind, but the "Pirate King insists that he takes her with him. However, on seeing the "Bovv of Beauteous Maidens" he finds that Ruth, the only woman he has ever seen, is always insisted on her youth and beauty, has deceived him, that she is old and ugly and Mabel is his true love.

The pirates band then enters and capture the ladies, who are all daughters of Major-General Stanley, but on finding that the latter is an orphan, release them, at the same time, electing them "Members of our band."

At the beginning of the second act we have the old Major-General in the throes of remorse, for having "told a regular terrible story" in that he is not an orphan boy, but Mabel consoles him by reminding him that Frederick's devoted followers are at hand. Thereupon the famous "Policemen's Chorus" enters, which although ready to do its duty, doesn't like too much danger attached to it. "We go! We go," they sing again and again until the exasperated general exclaims, "but damn it you don't go."

Frederick, who is to lead the gallant price, is stopped by Ruth and the King, who inform him, that as he is only five and a little bit over by birth-days, having been born on February 29th, he is still a member of the band, and he being "A Slave to Duty," admits this, and betrays the General.

The pirates enter and, in their encounter with the police, defeat the latter, only when commanded "In Queen Victoria's name" to submit in their turn. The General then orders them to be taken away to the bar, but on being informed by Ruth that "they are all noblemen gone wrong orders them to 'Resume their legislative duties' at the same time handing them the fair Ruth of summers forty-seven, reclining on the many breast of the Sergeant of Police.

The opera, apart from its burlesque, has some clever parodies of well known airs from Italian opera, and these take some singing, and are real gems of light operatic music.

Since "Iolanthe" was performed last December, the Society has lost some of their principals, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Mr. and Mrs. Collett, and Mrs. Mathieson, having left the Colony. Of the "old hands," Mrs. Bowes-Smith, who was Phyllis in "Iolanthe" is taking the strenuous part of Mabel. Mr. Brock again plays the Harry Lytton part of Major-General Stanley, one of Gilbert's typically humorous studies. Mr. Richards, is Frederick, the apprentice. Mr. Keown, whose fine baritone has been often heard on the concert platform is to be the Pirate King, and Mrs. B. C. Watt is singing Ruth. The Sergeant of Police is most humorously portrayed by Eng. Lieut. Bedells, R.N. Mr. Fleming wields the baton and under his supervision an excellent chorus has been gathered together. The Society's Orchestra is augmented by the "Ubique" Orchestra, which has been trained by Mr. D. S. Hill. Booking opens on Monday next at Anderson's, the prices being \$3, \$2, and \$1, soldiers and sailors in uniform being admitted half price to the \$2 and \$1 seats. The dates are inserted elsewhere in this issue, and we advise our readers to book early.

A MAYORAL PUZZLE.

HUSBAND AS DEPUTY MAYOR TO WIFE.

A mayoress, whose mother is a mayor, whose father is a deputy mayor, and whose younger sister is a deputy mayoress, will be married early next year to an ex-Oxford rowing blue.

She is Miss Aileen Cottrell, and her mother has been elected at the mayoral elections as mayor of West Bromwich. Her father, who has been mayor for the past two years, automatically becomes deputy mayor, and Miss Aileen Cottrell has been chosen to act as mayoress to her mother. Her younger sister, Miss Grace Cottrell, who is only fifteen, and is at school at Clifton, has been chosen by her father as deputy mayoress.

"The engagement has been kept secret," Mr. Cottrell said to a newspaper representative. "I wish," he added, "that we could have kept this tangled story of mayors and their deputies secret as well."

"It is disconcerting, to say the least of it. Letters come to the house addressed the mayoress; my wife, who is still mayoress, opens them, and finds that they are meant for my elder daughter."

XMAS MAILS.

TO THE U.S.A. AND CANADA.

The Christmas mails for the United States and Canada closed yesterday morning, and were despatched by the Blue Funnel Line s.s. *Proteridius*.

There were 89 registered packages in eight bags; and 74 bags of other mail, all letters and papers, with the exception of seven bags containing parcels. Twenty-two of the bags were from Hongkong. On the previous day the s.s. *President Madison* carried Christmas mails, amounting to 931 registered packages in 18 bags; and 391 bags of other mail, including 37 bags of parcels.

The *Macedonia* brought 419 bags of mail from Home and Europe, of which 91 bags contained letters and papers from the United Kingdom. She also brought 71 bags of parcels from Home.

The *Karmala* arrived yesterday morning with 204 bags of mail from the North, which included eight bags from Home via Siberia, and 14 bags from the Continent via the same route. The *Karmala* takes the outward Home mail to-day.

This afternoon the s.s. *President Jackson* (Admiral Oriental Line) is due with mail from U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai.

EASTERN PORTS' HEALTH BULLETIN.

The health bulletin of Eastern Ports for the week ending November 25th, states:

PLAGUE.

15 cases at Mauritius.

2 cases at Rangoon.

CHOLERA.

34 cases at Calcutta.

1 case at Negapatam.

2 cases at Singapore.

27 cases at Haiphong.

6 cases at Tourane.

3 cases at Bangkok.

SMALL-POX.

4 cases at Durban.

10 cases at Calcutta.

1 case at Singapore.

7 cases at Bangkok.

1 case at Kobe.

CHINESE FRESCOES AT BRITISH MUSEUM.

Some of the most remarkable paintings in the world are being prepared for exhibition at the British Museum on December 17th.

They are archaic Chinese frescoes and are the property of Mr. George Eumorphopoulos, a millionaire Greek merchant, who owns what is believed to be the most valuable collection of Oriental china pottery in the world. The frescoes are invaluable, and of such a size that great difficulty was experienced in bringing them from China, and all were conveyed from the interior of the province of Chihli in sections.

The paintings represent Buddha in varying attitudes, and are highly coloured.

Hongkong Weekly Press.

AS FAR AS TRADE IS CONCERNED, THE NEWS THIS WEEK SHOWS A GENERAL TENDENCY TOWARDS THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE NORMAL CONDITIONS.

Labour disputes are constantly recurring and reports from Swatow particularly indicate that a considerable number of extremists are anxious to return to the boycott.

But cargo is now moving and it is very unlikely that there will be any serious set-back. The day by day reports, given in the **HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS**, published this morning, make the position as clear as it can be made, and copies of this popular paper should be sent to all having business connections with China.

This issue also contains the interview with General Chiang Kai Shek in which he stated that all treaties would be abrogated and the foreign supervision of the Customs, Salt, Gabelle and Post Office abolished. This interview will, perhaps, help to correct any hastily formed impression that all troubles in China from the foreign point of view are now over.

The experiences of the Maryknoll Sisters at the hands of the pirates are recounted. There is reference to the movement to give public recognition to the gallantry of the *Sunning* Officers and many other items of news of more than usual interest.

The **WEEKLY** is the paper to send Home if it is desired to give friends a general idea of the conditions of life out here.

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MERRIE ENGLAND "MODERN TIMES."

LIVELY DEBATE AT EUROPEAN Y.M.C.A.

SOME PITHY EPIGRAMS.

The opening debate of the winter season of the Literary and Debating Society of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, was held on Thursday night, when the Rev. H. A. Wittenbach in moving the resolution said that "the days of Merrie England were happier than those of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society." "Happiness," he said, "is peace and contentment, but there is no peace and contentment to-day. The old days, when young men and women were happy to dance round the Maypole, care-free and unrestrained, have been replaced by a striving for speed and yet more speed. The care-free yokels of the old days have been replaced by blasé young men, who go through life perpetually bored."

Modern inventions, he urged, had not made life happier. Nothing was more fraying to the nerves than the telephone; the motor-car had introduced a few more liars into the world; and steamships had drawn folks away from the family circle. The swain of old serenaded his lady love from below the window. The modern young man breezes round and dials out a mournful note on his motor horn.

Mr. Wittenbach's final point was that to-day people were striving to restore the old folk dances with a view to recapturing the spirit of old days.

Mr. W. L. Walker who seconded said that dissatisfaction was caused by modern inventions. Employers expected the modern young man to be a cog in the wheel of a machine which grinded continually.

For the other side Mr. Sapsed made a very clever defence of modern times. He stressed the strides made in education and said large numbers of men were never happier than when overhauling a machine.

Mr. A. S. D. Couland who presided expressed pleasure at the high standard of the debate. He was glad to see that it had been treated in light vein by some of the speakers.

The voting resulted in the motion being lost by 15 votes to 17.

On the Target.

Some pithy epigrams were made, among them the following: "The dignity of the minut was made suitable for those days, but give me the one-step."

"When Friar Tuck wanted ham and eggs, he just took his weapon and crown of the some-one for it. Those days must have been far superior to those of to-day."

"A man cannot take pride in screwing one nut on a Ford car; I don't know what he can think of the finished article."

"Some-one spoke of gramophones, but he cannot possibly live in the Y.M.C.A."

"Old music was beautiful and romantic; jazz is merely passionate distortion."

RIVER TRAFFIC.

BOYCOTT OF STEAMBOAT CO.
INTENSIFIED.

INTIMIDATION ON THE
WATERFRONT.

GENERAL TRADE IMPROVING.

Reports from Canton state that the boycott of the vessels of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company has been intensified during the past two days. The general impression at the beginning of the week was that the trouble was subsiding, but yesterday seamen and others appeared on the waterfront in greater numbers and were far more active in preventing passengers from going on board. It is unknown whether this is the result of a definite policy adopted by the Seamen's Union or is simply a present outburst of aggressiveness on the part of an extremist group.

The Steamboat Company's ships are naturally unable in the circumstances to bring down many passengers or to carry much cargo. As far as other vessels are concerned the position is the same as before and a fair trade is being done. On Thursday the *Sai On* took up over 700 passengers and about 300 tons of freight. Yesterday she brought back nearly 900 passengers and about 220 tons of cargo.

Hong Kong Currency.

Our Chinese correspondent writes: Beginning yesterday the Chinese Section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway refused to accept Hong Kong currency as legal tender, and all persons purchasing tickets had to offer either Kwangtung subsidiary twenty-cent pieces or notes of the Kuomintang Central Bank. The object of the latest move, it is understood, is to popularize local banknotes and to appease the extremists who are demanding that no more Hong Kong currency shall be circulated in Canton after three months from October 10th, 1926.

The move to oust Hong Kong currency, however, was started long before the commencement of the anti-British boycott. It may be recalled that when Mr. C. Y. Chen Kie Woon was Kwangtung Commissioner of Finance more than two years ago, he took action on these lines, but Dr. Sun Yat Sen was then not in a position to approve of the bill.

Professional labour agitators in Canton, mostly persons who first entered into the labour world as clerks for the Unions, very few members of which know how to read and fewer how to draft official documents, are beginning to ask for municipal government by the people. The professional labour leaders know that the working class form a majority of the population and that there is good ground to work on.

The street cleaning coolies of the Canton Municipal Health Service, whose organisation into a regular labour union was formally announced on November 24th, have decided to demand higher wages and better housing quarters. Their present wages are exceedingly meagre and it is generally agreed that their requests should be granted.

The five leading trade guilds in Canton, headed by the General Chamber of Commerce, are siding with the shareholders of the Canton Water Works, in their protest against the plant being taken over by the Kuomintang.

A POPULAR HANGCHOW
MEDICAL MISSIONARY.

DR. MAIN LEAVING.

FAREWELL TO C.I.M. BIBLE
STUDENTS.

HANGCHOW, November 17th.

The students of the China Inland Mission Bible School, Hangchow, were favoured with a farewell visit from Dr. Main this afternoon. It was a very pleasant gathering and his message to young preachers left a deep impress. In congratulating them upon their call to the ministry if the Word, he emphasized how necessary it was, even for them, ever to keep their gaze upon the goal of their high calling and 1: Glory God, 2: Serve others, 3: Eliminate all "Others" was a great motto and he feared the sad declension in the Church of Christ in China could be traced to failure of those who vowed to glorify God and be a saviour to others. Bible study and prayer life, if it did not culminate in saving others was a mere sham. In conclusion the doctor said the foundation of the great hospital work in Hangchow had been laid in prayer. It was an excellent rule to first seek the face of God before going forth to do our duty to men. "Knee drill" at 6 a.m. every morning in the Hospital Chapel had been one of the most hallowed things in all his 45 years of work in China. Dr. Main is leaving in a few weeks and he will be missed. —N.C. Daily News.

WESTERN MARKET

MURDER.

PRISONER SENTENCED TO
DEATH.

HEARING CONTINUED TILL THE
EVENING.

The murder trial in connection with the Western Market fracas was concluded at the Criminal Sessions late yesterday evening. The jury after an absence of seven minutes returned a verdict of guilty and Sir Henry Gollan (the Chief Justice) passed sentence of death. The hearing concluded at 7.30 p.m.

Prisoner's Story.

During the afternoon hearing prisoner was called and said that on the night of September 4th he slept at a box-maker's shop in Koo Shing Street. In the morning he washed, ate congee and then between 7 and 8 o'clock went to the Western Market to buy food. When he came down the steps someone hit him a blow on the head and when he got on to the pavement he was struck again, across the shoulders, and fell down. He could remember nothing of what happened after that.

Cross-examined, prisoner was asked how it was that having been struck unconscious he was able to run some distance and put up a valiant hard resistance in Des Vaux Road. He persisted that he knew nothing of what happened afterwards. Asked where he got the dagger and other weapon which he had in his hands when arrested he again replied that he did not know.

His Lordship: Do you really mean that you have no idea how these weapons came into your hands?—That is so.

Later, he said the next thing he remembered after being struck was being in hospital. It was several days before he came to himself again. He did not remember going into the ambulance or going to hospital.

Final Submissions.

Mr. Dyer Ball, in addressing the jury finally on behalf of the Crown, commented on the prisoner's last reply, remarking that the medical evidence was to the effect that on September 4th, the day following the fight he was normal except for a pulse and a little fever. The jury would remember that Dr. Paterson had said that a blow on the spine probably would have affected the memory but there was no mark or bruise near the spine which was what one would expect in such circumstances.

There was no doubt there was a fight in On Tai Street that morning and that those concerned came into the street near the Market. One man was blowing a police whistle when they arrived and then the attackers ran away. There was no doubt that two men were wounded in the fight and that from those wounds they died. In view of the evidence of the fight the Crown had advanced was there any doubt that the prisoner was the man who went round the corner with the bar in his hand and that he used it in the fight? There was blood on the bar and counsel submitted that it could not have come from prisoner's own wounds.

Counsel continuing, dealt with the wounds received by the deceased men. It was remarkable that there was no wound on the body that did not seem to have been reflected by a double-edged dagger. The wounds were slightly wider than the breadth of the dagger found in prisoner's possession and Dr. Craig had told them that the stab wound of a dagger was usually wider than that of a fatal wound. Counsel submitted that prisoner in inflicting them had held the dagger in his left hand. It was also known according to the Police witnesses that when prisoner attempted to attack them the dagger was in his left hand.

One of the fatal wounds, concluded Counsel, was certainly dealt with the right hand. It was quite apparent that all the wounds were inflicted by one man. The Crown's case was that there were several armed men, and that prisoner was one of them, and he had a dagger in his left hand. The other men were not captured, but one of them must have had a dagger and another a chopper in their hands. Counsel submitted that the Crown had made out its case against the prisoner.

The Defence.

Mr. Fitzroy, in his reply, emphasised that when prisoner came down the stairs at the Market he was struck by some persons. Counsel submitted that these were the men who were running away.

His Lordship interposed and said that Counsel had never asked a single question bearing on that possibility.

Counsel replied that the witnesses had stated there were a number of people there at the time.

Continuing, Mr. Fitzroy said that Dr. Minett had examined the wound in prisoner's shoulder and agreed that it was possible for a man with such a wound to lose his memory.

Dealing with the evidence of witnesses, Counsel said that the man who struck one of the dead men with a dagger was not the man who held the bar. The bar was found in the possession of prisoner. There was, he submitted, not a scrap of evidence that prisoner had done anything but run away. He submitted that the Crown had not in any way proved its case.

His Lordship summed up at length. The jury returned a verdict as stated and prisoner was sentenced to death.

ALLEGED HABITUAL SWINDLER.

RINGING DOOR-BELLS A
FAVOURITE HOAX.

AN UNUSUAL CASE.

A somewhat unusual case was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, when a Chinese was charged under an ordinance of 1845, for wilfully and wantonly disturbing the inhabitants by ringing the door-bell without any lawful excuse.

Evidence was called to show that the defendant, having rung the door-bell of a house in Wanchai, asked if a woman by the name of Sam Koo was living in the house. When he was told that the woman in question was not living in that house, he asked for a person supposed to be a solicitor's clerk.

This purposeless visit was regarded with suspicion by the occupant, who followed the stranger down the staircase and eventually caused his arrest.

Sergt. Rozesky, who was in charge of the case, quoted the Ordinance applicable to the case, and added that one ring was given to the bell.

His Worship (humorously): What, is nobody allowed one ring? Is it necessary to give two rings?

Continuing, Sergt. Rozesky went on to state that by a curious coincidence, the defendant was recognised by another inmate in connection with a clever swindle carried out by him some time ago on a lodger in Hollywood Road.

The defendant was also charged with this affair. He was alleged to have called on a woman, and obtained from her by false pretence, a sum of \$1.50. He was supposed to have delivered to her two bags of rice sent to the woman by a relative from Shanghai. The money paid to defendant was for transporting the rice, but it was never delivered.

The police further alleged that the accused was an habitual swindler, and that his favourite plan was to pay such calls as had been.

His Worship dismissed the charge respecting the alleged offence of ringing the door-bell and remanded the accused in custody until this morning, when more evidence will be produced in regard to the alleged swindle.

A DISCRIMINATING CUSTOMER.

"MALE-CARP" PREFERABLE.

A KICK AND A COURT CASE.

A Chinese went to a fish stall at the Central Market on Thursday and asked the fish-monger for a "male carp." The obliging fish-monger handed him one, but the discriminating purchaser threw the fish back into the tub. The fish died from this rough handling, and a dispute ensued, which led to a fight. In the course of the struggle the customer received a kick in the spleen which necessitated his removal to hospital.

A sequel to the affair was the appearance of the fish-monger at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, before Major C. Willson.

The case was adjourned for a week.

AN INGENIOUS SMUGGLER
CAUGHT.

SOME NOVEL HIDING PLACES.

Some curious exhibits were produced in Court yesterday morning, when a Chinese passenger was charged before Major C. Willson, at the Central Magistracy, with smuggling arms into the Colony.

Defendant was arrested at Tung On Wharf. He had in his possession a pair of old boots, a cookery book, a bag of biscuits, and a school atlas. These simple belongings roused the suspicion of Det. Sub-Inspector Moss, who searched the defendant and found that between the leather of the soles of the boots were concealed some revolver parts. The cookery book was hollowed out in the centre and several revolvers were hidden in it. The bag of biscuits yielded revolver cartridges, and a weapon was found in the school atlas.

Inspector Moss told the Court that he had instructions from the C.S.P. to ask for a remand, and the case was adjourned until Monday.

A TURBULENT COOK.

An assistant cook, employed at the Repulse Bay Hotel, was alleged to have attacked the No. 1 Chinese cook, wounding him in the shoulder with a chopper. When the case came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday morning the French chef from the hotel said that the defendant had been a great nuisance.

The case was adjourned until to-day on the defendant stating that he would like to call several *fakis* as witnesses.

WEATHER REPORT.

Last night's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued from the Royal Observatory, at 4.30, stated:—

The anti-cyclone has weakened slightly and is probably moving eastward. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, fine.

FOR THE POOR OF THE
COLONY.ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S
EFFORT.

SALE OF ROSES FOR CHARITABLE
WORK.

In aid of its charitable work for the coming year the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will, on Thursday, December 2nd, hold its yearly Sale of Roses.

A special Committee, with Mrs. H. W. Bird as the organiser has been mapping out the Colony for the drive and over 200 ladies, including many Chinese, have kindly offered their services.

Preparations are nearly completed and for the convenience of the workers there will be depots of roses at the following places:—Lower Terminus, Peak Tramway; at Madame de la Prado, Victoria View, Peak Road; at Mrs. Barros, No. 2, Caine Road; at Mrs. Pasco, Repulse Bay Hotel; at Mrs. A. C. Botelho, No. 93, Wong-nai-chong Road; French Convent, Causeway Bay; at Mrs. Gutierrez, No. 87, Bonham Road; Hong Kong Hotel, Star Ferry Pier (Hong Kong and Kowloon), and also at Mrs. Miller, Victoria Barracks.

The distributing and replenishing depots in Kowloon will be at the Old Wigwam Club, Mody Road; at Mrs. A. F. Osmond, Homantin; at Mrs. Hedy, Hunghom; at Mrs. Ramsey, Kowloon Tong and also at the Duro Motor Co., Nathan Road.

The headquarters will be on the ground floor of St. George's Building, Ice House Street (through the courtesy and generosity of the Hongkong & Territorial Estate, Ltd., Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers).

There, a number of efforts will be in attendance, to receive the collection. All the boxes are numbered so that each worker will be able to know the result of her efforts.

The Hong Kong public know the good work done by the Society on behalf of those in need, no matter what religious creed they profess. And it is felt that the public will register their appreciation of this humanitarian work on December 2nd, when, as stated, the annual Street Sale of Roses takes place, and again, on December 5th at the "Al Fresco Fete."

Acknowledgments.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul begs to acknowledge the following donations to the funds of the Fete:

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Mr. M. J. E. Montargis 10
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THE PIRACY OF THE
"SUNNING."

CHINESE MERCHANT RELEASED
FROM CUSTODY.

Detained by the police for inquiries after the piracy of the s.s. *Sunning*, a Chinese merchant from Amoy has now been released.

It is understood that a business connection in Hong Kong made a statement as to the merchant's *bond fides*, with the result that he was set free.

Other suspects who were not charged before the Magistrate are also being dealt with.

The police officers in charge of the case are at present working at full pressure in connection with the pending Magistrate proceedings which open on Monday morning, with the object of completing the case, so far as the Police Court hearings are concerned, before the opening of the Criminal Sessions in December. This, however, will entirely depend on the circumstances, and it remains to be seen whether all the evidence can be tendered in the short time left before the Sessions open, especially in view of the fact that more than one interpretation will be needed, as the alleged pirates speak more than one dialect.

Various witnesses, including the ship's officers, members of the crew and Chinese passengers, are still having their statements taken daily.

STOLEN BUTTER.

CASE AGAINST DEFENDANT
WITHDRAWN.

When the case in which Chin Hee Tong, a general storekeeper of 78, Des Vaux Road Central, was charged with receiving three cases of butter knowing it to have been stolen from the Hong Kong Dairy Farm and Cold Storage Co., came up on remand before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill, at the Kowloon Magistracy, yesterday afternoon, Sub-Inspector Andrews told the Court that he had just received a request from Mr. H. J. Armstrong, who appeared for the complainant at the previous hearing, to withdraw the charge against the defendant.

The defendant, who was represented by Mr. F. H. Loseby, told the Court that he had purchased the butter in the ordinary course of business and that due entry of the purchase had been made in his books. He also knew the man who sold him the goods to be in the employ of the Dairy Farm and Cold Storage Co., but the man had since absconded. The butter had been returned to complainants since proceedings were instituted.

Defendant was accordingly dismissed.

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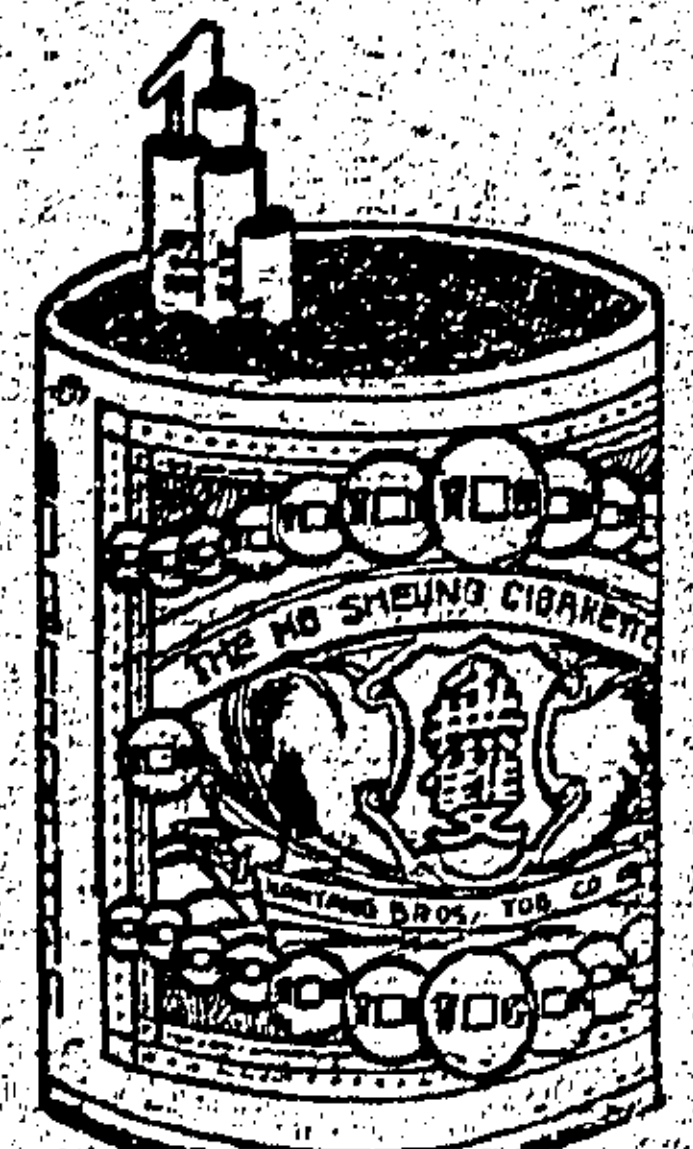
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The Magistracy.

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PAUL LAUDER,
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BIRTH.

BYRON.—On November 22nd, at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Byron, a son.

MARRIAGE.

BADELEY—HOLMES.—On November 26th, 1926, at St. John's Cathedral, by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Evelyn, only daughter of E. E. Holmes, Esq., and Mrs. Holmes, of Hurn View, Beverley, England, to JOSEPH EDWARD, only son of the late F. J. BADELEY, Esq., and Mrs. BADELEY, of No. 37, Abbey Road, St. John's Wood, London.

DEATH.

BILLY.—On November 22nd, at Shanghai, VIOLAT BILLY, aged 42 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, NOVEMBER 27th, 1926.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE'S MANDATE.

SUPPORTERS of the League of Nations' Union in England are at present exercised in their minds regarding mandated territories. The point of interest is whether the Powers possessing mandates should be subject to cross-examination respecting their stewardship at the behest of the Council of the League. This is of special importance for the British Empire; and we are by no means surprised that the Dominion Premiers attending the Imperial Conference in London, recently devoted a day to the subject. The upshot of their deliberations was the appointment of a Committee to examine the problem in all its bearings. Besides Great Britain three of the Dominions, Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand are what is known as Mandatory Powers—that is to say, they hold mandates assigned to them by the Treaty of Versailles to administer territory that formerly belonged to Germany. Among the areas for which Britain is responsible

under the mandatory system are ex-German colonies such as Tanganyika and Togoland. Australia administers New Guinea, New Zealand administers Samoa, and South Africa the territory known as South West Africa.

Under the terms of the Covenant of the League of Nations each Mandatory Power has to submit to the Council of the League an annual report of its stewardship. In practice this is not rendered direct to the Council but to the Permanent Mandates Commission, a body composed of experts of different nationalities. It has been the practice hitherto that when these reports have been examined by the Commission, representatives of the Mandatory Powers have been present to give any supplementary information that might be needed. This system has been working for six years; but it so happens that recently the Commission decided to ask for information in the form of definite questions. Consequently a series of questions was drawn up and submitted to the League last September. The Council—or at least those of its members who are Mandatory Powers—did not like it. Sir AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN, the British Foreign Minister, described the questions as "inquisitorial," and eventually the matter was referred to the Mandatories for their opinion.

This is where the Dominions come in, and it is the reason why the subject engaged the attention of the Dominion Premiers at the Imperial Conference. We are quite sure that the Dominions have nothing to fear from any question-naire since it is common knowledge that the mandated territories for which they are responsible are well administered. Thick and thin supporters of the League of Nations, however, are urging that the Dominions ought to waive objections and agree to answer the League's questions. It is pleaded that they ought to agree to give information because the effect would be to raise the standard of administration in other less well governed countries. But, of course, the real issue goes deeper below the surface than any mere objections which can be raised now. Important and far-reaching questions of principle and policy are involved. If it were to be conceded that the Council of the League of Nations had a right to hold an inquest, as it were, what guarantee is there that the Council would be content with that? Obviously, any Power with an axe to grind might be tempted to use the League as a handy means of furthering their design.

It is easy to imagine how a Mandatory Power like Great Britain would stand to be shot at. The Dominions would be similarly affected. The League of Nations is, no doubt a well-meaning body regarding this question of mandates, but as we all know the activities of well-meaning people often have unfortunate consequences. It may be confidently expected that neither the Home Government nor the Dominion statesmen will overlook this consideration. They are scarcely the kind of people to place themselves at the disposal of an international council whose curiosity has already been labelled by Sir AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN "inquisitorial."

There was a clean bill of health for the Colony on Thursday.

The Camera Club of the European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, are holding their first ramble this afternoon.

Three Sanitary Board coolies were fined \$3 each by Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday morning, for fighting in the streets.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Y. C. Ham, residing at No. 504, Nathan Road, to Miss Edith Jen, residing at No. 235, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 18th, amounted to 73,921 tons, and the sales during the period to 74,277 tons.

Six itinerant barbers were charged yesterday morning at the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Willson, with obstruction. Two were fined \$4 each, and four others who did not appear, forfeited their bail.

Sir Percival Phillips, of the London Daily Mail, is expected to arrive in Shanghai to-day by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia to study conditions in China for paper which he represents.

The annual dinner of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong is to be held at the Hong Kong Hotel on Tuesday, December 28th. Members wishing to attend are requested to notify Mr. R. E. Lindsell (the Joint Secretary), c/o The Magistracy.

The annual street sale of roses, under the auspices of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and in aid of the Funds of the Society for the Poor of Hong Kong, will be held next Thursday. Baskets of roses and collection boxes are now ready at St. George's Building, ground floor, Ice House Street.

The final practice dance for the St. Andrew's Ball, which takes place next Tuesday night at the City Hall, beginning at 9.30, was held last evening at the City Hall. As on Tuesday night, when the first practice dance was held, there was a good attendance, and a enjoyable time was spent.

The death occurred last Sunday evening at St. Luke's Hospital, Manila, of Mr. Anthony M. Timke, known to all residents of Manila and throughout the Orient as "Tony" Timke, owner of the Poodle Dog Cafe, Manila. His death took place after an illness of five days, and was due to pneumonia.

A Chinese when charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy, yesterday morning, for causing a disturbance in the streets, said that he had been forced to join a triad society, which statement invoked the rejoinder from the Court "Oh, I've heard that before." Defendant was fined \$5.

The new Savoy Hotel, in Ice House Street, is likely to be opened on Friday, December 10th. A large number of workmen have been employed on the reconstruction of the premises during the past few weeks and every effort is being made to have everything in readiness by that date. The new building will have over fifty bedrooms.

Six fortunate backers at the Kiangwan race meeting (Shanghai) on Saturday, November 20th, each received the unusually large dividend of \$3,777. The pony, which won them this useful sum was Silver Wand (ridden by the owner, Mr. T. U. Yih) in a field of 19 in the November Selling Plate. The place dividend was \$118.60.

Further evidence was taken, before Major C. Willson yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy, in the case in which a Chinese cook is alleged to have murdered a room-mate at the Tung On Shipbuilding Yard, Shaikwan, on October 18th. Mr. Whyte Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the case for the prosecution; defendant was not represented. The case was again adjourned.

The New British Minister to Peking, Mr. Miles Lampson, who, as reported yesterday, arrived in the Colony by the P. & O. s.s. *Arcturion*, is staying at Government House until to-day. During his stay in the Colony he is conferring with H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) on the position in South China. Mr. Lampson will proceed North by H.M.S. *Despatch*. Mrs. Lampson and their children left for Shanghai on the *Macedonia*.

The Scottish Company of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps held their annual Church Parade to-morrow morning. They paraded at Headquarters at 10 a.m. and from there marched headed by their pipes and drums, to the Union Church, Kennedy Road. A good number is hoped for. The parade will be under the command of Capt. D. C. Logan, M.C., O.C., and the Chief of the St. Andrew's Society, Mr. R. M. Dyer, will also be present. A feature of the service will be the singing of old Scottish hymns.

In recognition of his keen interest and the untiring energy he has always displayed, the members of St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, Kowloon, last night, presented their departing President, the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith, with a farewell gift. The souvenir was a handsome blackwood stand surmounted with a brass tray, complete with silver ash trays, etc., the tray bearing the following inscription: "Presented to the Rev. G. E. Arrowsmith by the St. Andrew's Young Men's Club, Hong Kong, November 26th, 1926."

A pardon has been granted to James Edward Atherley, who, on January 17th last, was sentenced by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) to two years' hard labour following a long trial at the Supreme Court, Hong Kong, for embezzlement of money, the property of his employers, Messrs. Getz Bros. (of the Orient), Ltd. The authorities concerned are reticent with regard to the matter, but as far as can be ascertained, Atherley, recently, received intimation that H.E. the Governor had reviewed the case and that it had been decided that the prisoner should be released and given a passage to the United States. Mr. Atherley is now on his way to the United States.

An Indian watchman charged with cutting Government-owned trees, pleaded that he had been told to do so by a Chinese doctor who directed that the leaves should be boiled and made into a medicine for application to his sore foot. Observing that people were not allowed to go about doing such things the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$2. A Chinese, who was previously convicted for a similar offence, was also charged with cutting down Government trees, and was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour.

A pretty but quiet wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday afternoon, the Rev. H. Copley Moyle officiating. The parties were Mr. Albert Martin, an officer in the mercantile service, in the employ of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, and the bride was Miss M. E. L. Holloway, daughter of Mr. Holloway, of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The bride was given away by her father, and Mr. D. Lyon, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., carried out the duties of "best man." Both the bride and bridegroom are well-known in the Colony, having been here since childhood.

An accident which might easily have been attended by very serious consequences occurred early yesterday evening near the Hong Kong Hotel. It appears that a public ricksha, was coming from Pedder Street into Des Vaux Road when a private motor-car, driven by Chinese chauffeur, turned from Des Vaux Road into Pedder Street. A collision took place, the result being that the ricksha was smashed while its passenger, believed to be an American tourist, was precipitated to the road. Fortunately, neither the occupant of the ricksha nor the puller were injured, although the passenger received bruises and abrasions.

A "Wassonian" dinner was held at the Hong Kong Hotel last night, the guest of honour being Dr. John Allison, M.A., LL.D., F.R.S.E., late headmaster of George Watson's College, Edinburgh, who, as reported earlier, this week arrived in the Colony in the course of his tour of Wassonian Clubs. He was the guest of the local "Wassonians," who have entertained him during his visit to Hong Kong. The function was of a private nature, but during the evening, various speeches were made, chiefly concerning old times at the College; while Dr. Allison recounted in an interesting way doings at the College he has so recently left after many years service there. Dr. Allison, who has greatly enjoyed his visit leaves the Colony to-day on the P. & O. s.s. *Karnala* for the Federated Malay States. After touring Colombo and India, he will cross to Koryu Colony, where he intends staying with his youngest daughter Mrs. Dykes, who is settled there.

THE LATE CAPT. W. E. CLARKE. FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

The funeral of the late Capt. W. E. Clarke, a director of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., who died at Shanghai whilst on a visit to Mrs. A. B. Stewart, his daughter, took place yesterday, the interment being at the Protestant Cemetery, Happy Valley.

Amongst those present were Mr. C. Schroter (brother-in-law) and Mr. B. H. Schroter (nephew) as chief mourners, the Hon. Mr. H. W. Bird, Mr. J. Arnold, Secretary of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Mr. R. M. Dyer, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. G. P. Lammer, W. A. Dowley, Leo d'Almada, C. Bulmer Johnson, R. Sutherland, W. E. L. Shenton, H. P. White, A. E. Wood, J. H. Vaux, G. Duncan, T. J. H. Brayfield, Chevalier J. M. Alves, heads of the various departments of local shipping firms, and masters of vessels.

Wreaths were sent by "Mother," Mildred and Edward, little Francis, Edward, Bernard and Ernest, Dorothy and Dudley (Shanghai), Ethel, Carl and Gray, Sybil and Harry, Katie and Gus (Singapore), Stella and Charlie; the Chairman and Directors of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Secretary and Office Staff of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Superintendents of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, Committee and Members of the Hong Kong Club, Staff of the Chartered Bank of India, Hong Kong, Chamber of Commerce, Tai Kok Yee Yee and Engineering Company, Chairman and Directors, "Hong Kong & Whampoa, Dock Company, Canton Trading Association, China Mail, S.C.M. Post, Dr. Key, Brothers, Hughes & Hough, Benjamin & Potts, Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Douglas Steamship Company, Indo-China S.N. Company, Holland China Trading Company, Captain Smith and Officers of *Sui An*, Officers *s.s. Lungshan*, Officers *s.s. Fatshan*, Officers *s.s. Taihan*, Miss E. Craig (Shanghai), Muriel Clarke (Redhill, Surrey), Lucy Tse, P. T. and Miss Farrel, W. and Miss Russell, "All his servants at home," Mrs. E. Matland, Mrs. P. H. and Miss Joyce Holyoake and Dorothy, Mrs. A. J. d'Arcy, and Mrs. H. Humphreys, R. M. Dyer, Eldon Potter, W. G. Gerrard, H. P. Winslow, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, G. Winyard, A. L. Shields, A. K. Henderson, R. Hancock, G. Roylance, H. W. Bird, J. Branch, C. C. Stark, W. E. L. Shenton, Syme Thompson, S. M. Bander, C. P. Marcel, G. Grimble, R. Sutherland, Simon Tse Yan, E. M. Hazeldene, R. Pestonji, Leo d'Almada e Castro, C. Edgecombe, F. Hoare, Fung, Shun Wa, G. Chambers, P. C. Potts, Messrs. J. Scott Harston, D. G. M. Bernard, C. B. Brooke, C. A. Peel, O. S. Benbow Rowe, C. Bulmer Johnson, E. Davidson, S. T. Williamson, W. G. Cogges, C. Shiner, G. A. Ferry, A. H. White, H. P. White, C. L. Farmer, W. L. Patenden, R. Sherman, T. M. Alves, T. G. Weall, E. L. Rosie, T. H. G. Brayfield, G. D. M. Arthur, G. G. Wood, K. E. Greig, E. Grant Smith, G. R. Edwards, L. Gibbs, F. P. d'Arcy, Messrs. Lo Kai Hong, Chau Chi Hing, Lo Suen Wing and She Tat Cheong.

THE STRUGGLE IN THE NORTH.

LATEST HAPPENINGS ON THE YANGTSE.

BIG BATTLE IMMINENT.

The following was issued yesterday by the local Naval Authorities:—
Hankow, Nov. 25th.—Labour situation causing anxiety. Run on the Bank of China, but branches lasted out. Interview with Chiang Kai Shek published, in which he states Southern Government intend to take over Customs, Salt Gabelle and Postal Service, to secure return of the Concessions and cancel treaties and extra-territoriality.

Kiukiang.—Situation not yet settled. Armed Southern soldiers still attempting to enter Concession.

Nanking.—Reported that Fengtien troops are arriving at Pukow; destination Anking.

Chinkiang.—Large numbers of troops are arriving from up-river. Reported Northern attack. Southerners on large scale are now organised.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

NO AGREEMENT ON DISARMAMENT QUESTION.

PARIS, November 26th.

According to *Le Journal*, M. Briand informed the German Ambassador that he did not agree with any of the views expressed by Herr Stresemann in a recent speech in the Reichstag in regard to disarmament.

The *Echo de Paris* says that M. Poincaré intends to resume as soon as possible negotiations in regard to war debts.

NORWAY NO LONGER DRY.

RESULT OF RECENT PLEBISCITE.

OSLO, November 26th.

The official committee investigating the recent prohibition plebiscite has reported, opposing the very severe restrictions and recommending that liquor can only be procurable by licenses which shall be issued to adults who can prove themselves worthy of possessing them.

CHINESE PASSENGER RUNS AMOK.

JAPANESE DIES OF WOUNDS.

SINGAPORE, November 25th.

One of the Japanese victims of the *Suru Maru* incident has died in hospital.

[The above message refers to a Chinese who ran amok, stabbing five people before he was overpowered.]

KARAKHAN'S NEW POST.

Moscow, November 26th.

M. Karakhan is taking charge of Eastern affairs during the absence of M. Chicherin, who is going to Germany to undergo medical treatment.

SENSATIONAL GERMAN PLOT. REVELATIONS REGARDING RUHR INVASION.

BERLIN, November 25th.

Following an admission by Herr Gessler, Minister of Defence, in the Reichstag, that at the time of the Ruhr invasion the German Nationalist organisations contemplated the forcible ejection of the invaders, it now appears that the officers of the old German army and the extremists at one time planned to have "Sicilian Vespers" in Germany in which all foreign troops would be murdered.

It was also proposed to form an army of 60,000 disciplined workmen in the Ruhr while Russia's aid would also be enlisted in a "fight for freedom." The extremist leaders were prepared to abandon Germany to the enemy as far as the river Elbe, where the final stand would be made.

GERMAN COMMUNISTS.

NON-CONFIDENCE VOTE REJECTED.

BERLIN, November 25th.

The Reichstag has rejected a non-confidence motion, lodged by Communists, and extreme Nationalist parties, requesting the Government to examine whether the League Covenant offered any possibility of referring an investigation of war guilt to an international court of arbitration was adopted against the votes of the Socialists and Communists.

THE JAVA REVOLT.

ARREST OF REBEL "DICTATOR."

BATAVIA, November 25th.

The rebel "Dictator" Surio Suparmo has been arrested.
It appears clear that the Communist organisation is now broken up. All the leaders have been captured, and the authorities have warned natives to return to the villages, otherwise they will be considered rebels.

INTER-IMPERIAL RELATIONS.

CROWN THE EMPIRE'S STRONGEST LINK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, November 26th.

The Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Hon. Mr. Ormsby-Gore, in a public speech last night said the newest element in the Imperial Conference's historical documents, on Inter-Imperial Relations was the foreshadowing of the gradual development of new machinery of communication and consultation, and the placing on record of the already self-evident fact that the supreme link in the Empire was the Crown. The recent conference will also be remembered as the first at which science figured on the agenda. It recognised that a scientific basis must be found for the solution of economic problems.

POOLING LONDON'S TRAFFIC RESOURCES.

IMPORTANT SCHEME MOOTED.

RUGBY, November 26th.

A suggestion that the resources of all London's traffic undertakings should be pooled and placed under joint control is understood to be receiving the favourable consideration of the London Traffic Advisory Committee. The underground railways and omnibus companies, the London County Council Tramways and suburban railway services would be affected. The object would be to co-ordinate traffic facilities, thus effecting economies and removing duplication and traffic congestion. The Transport Ministry has agreed to a further investigation of the proposal.

HEALTHIER CHILDREN.

EFFECTS OF SCHOOL MEDICINAL TREATMENT.

RUGBY, November 26th.

The annual report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health dealing with the health of school children states that although there is a steady and undiminished stream of defects among children entering schools at five years of age those leaving at fourteen are better physically in every way than the children of twenty years ago. There is not more disease, but more disease is being treated through the existence of the school medicinal service.

TWO DAYS' FOG AT HOME.

SHIPPING HELD UP.

RUGBY, November 26th.

Several street accidents attributable to fog occurred before the weather again became clear towards midnight. In most cases only minor injuries resulted and there was no loss of life. An express train from Scotland was involved in a slight collision near London but no one was injured.

The most serious material loss due to the two days' fog was suffered owing to ships being held up at ports, and visibility in the English Channel was so bad yesterday that some important sailings from Tilbury and elsewhere were suspended.

COMMONS AND LONDON CHURCHES.

19 CITY EDIFICES TO STAND.

RUGBY, November 26th.

The House of Commons decisively rejected the City Churches Measure last night. The Bill scheduled for the possible demolition of nineteen London churches of which thirteen are by Sir Christopher Wren.

They have a site value of approximately one and a half million pounds and the bill contemplated the erection out of this fund of churches in outer London to which the population has now largely migrated. The City of London Corporation strongly opposed the bill and by 124 votes to 27 the Commons declined to send the measure for Royal Assent.

SOUTHAMPTON DOCKS.

EXTENSION.

RUGBY, November 26th.

Work is to be started immediately on the Southampton Docks Scheme for largely increasing the accommodations available. The scheme will cost £13,000,000 and the reclamation will be over 400 acres.

OVERSEAS STATESMEN VISIT GLASGOW.

RUGBY, November 25th.

Messrs. Bruce, Coates, and Monroe, the Premiers of Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland, respectively, and the Maharajah of Burdwan visited Glasgow to-day. Mr. Coates inspected the locomotive works of the North British Railway, while Messrs. Bruce and Monroe went over the vast shipyard at Clydebank of Messrs. John Brown & Co. Later in the day, the four statesmen attended receptions given by the University and by the City Corporation.

COAL DISPUTE.

SETTLEMENT OUTLOOK IN SCOTLAND.

MORE WORKERS RETURN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, November 25th.

Satisfactory progress is being made in Scotland for the settlement of the coal dispute.

Matters have been left in the hands of a small Joint Committee, which will submit terms to each side for ratification. Officials of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation discussed terms with the coalowners and these will be submitted to the miners' conference in London to-morrow.

More Men Working.

LONDON, November 25th.

There were 428,000 miners working to-day.

Agreements Being Reached.

LATER.

Scottish coalowners' and miners' representatives have arrived at an agreement which will be submitted to both sides.

It is understood that it provides for an eight-hour day at a nominal minimum wage of 9/4d.

The Northumberland Miners' Council has decided to recommend an acceptance of the owners' terms, including a 7½ hour shift for hewers and eight hours for other workers.

A lengthy conference of the Cannock Chase coalowners and miners at Birmingham failed to reach an agreement, but the great majority of the men are working.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Science and Coal.

RUGBY, November 26th.

Speaking at the opening of the new Coal Treatment Laboratory in the Mines Department of Birmingham University yesterday, Col. Lane Fox, Secretary for Mines declared that the main chance for the recovery of the British coal industry lay in the scientific application of its great resources. The quality of British coal was generally recognised as the highest in the world.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE SINO-BELGIAN TREATY.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE.

QUESTION IN COMMONS.

LONDON, November 25th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. H. Day (Labour) asked what was the British Government's attitude towards the Sino-Belgian Treaty. The question of the Government at Peking in denouncing the Sino-Belgian Treaty.

Mr. G. Lockyer-Lampson replied that His Majesty's Government had intimated, in reply to an enquiry from the Belgian Government, that, in their view, the Chinese Government had no legal right under the Treaty of 1865 to propose the revision of the instrument.

Chinese Government's Standpoint.

GENEVA, November 25th.

The Chinese delegation to the League of Nations, in a statement to the Press, denies that the Chinese Government is evasive regarding the reference of the Sino-Belgian Treaty dispute to the International Court of Justice, and says that the question at issue centres not on the legal interpretation of Article 46 but on the application of the principle of equality and reciprocity, which is purely political. It adds that no Government can agree to submit the fundamental principle of the equality of nations to a judicial examination. If the matter must be referred to an international organisation, it should be brought to the attention of the League Council or the Assembly, in accordance with Article 11 of the Covenant.

M.C.C. TEAM FOR ARGENTINE.

ANOTHER CHANGE.

LONDON, November 25th.

The Kent cricketer, Mr. G. Weigall, replaces Mr. F. T. Mann (Middlesex) in the M.C.C. all-amateur team which is shortly to tour Argentina.
The complete team is now as follows:—
Mr. P. F. Warner (Middlesex) captain.
Mr. G. Weigall (Kent).
Lord Dunglass (Middlesex).
Mr. G. C. Allen (Middlesex).
Mr. J. C. White (Somerset).
Captain Stanforth (Army).
Mr. M. F. Jewell (Worcester).
Mr. G. B. Jackson (Derbyshire).
Captain Jameson (Hampshire).
Mr. H. P. Miles.

CONSERVATIVE WIN IN BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, November 26th.

The result of the by-election for the Howdenshire Division of Yorkshire was: Mr. Carter, Conservative, 10,653; Mr. Linfield, Liberal, 6,988; Mr. Kneeshaw, Labour, 2,318. The election was occasioned by Col. F. S. Jackson's appointment as Governor of Bengal.

PROGRESS OF BOLSHIEVISM.

MEETING OF COMMUNIST EXECUTIVE.

BRITAIN, CHINA AND JAVA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RIGA, November 25th.

A message from Moscow says that at the plenary conference of the Executive of the Communist International, M. Bukharin, in a speech, declared that despite the recent internal crisis the Communist party would continue on the path towards revolution. The tasks of the present Conference were, consolidation, the further Bolshevisation of the Communist Party, the solution of the great problems of Great Britain and China and the approaching struggle in Central Europe. M. Bukharin promised the workers and peasants of the Dutch Indies the unlimited support of the Communist International in their "bloody struggle."

THE SWISS AVALANCHE.

HEAVY DEATH ROLL.

NICE, November 26th.

There are over thirty dead in the landslide at Roquebilliere. The avalanche descended on the village at midnight. A baker who was working at night and a gendarme who was ill in hospital roused the villagers, enabling most of them to escape. The latter ran to the church and rang the bell, awaking the sleepers.

THE DEATH OF KRASSIN.

ASHES GOING TO RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 25th.

M. Krassin's body is being cremated in London and the ashes will be transported to Russia. It is now lying in state, the members of the Embassy staff forming the guard. The Soviet flag is half-masted, and Sir Austen Chamberlain has called at the Embassy to express condolences.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

AGRICULTURE IN INDIA.

THE ROYAL COMMISSION AT WORK.

RUGBY, November 25th.

The Royal Commission on Agriculture in India is now making a tour of India, which will occupy at least six months. The Commission is supplementing its personal investigations by a questionnaire, which is designed in word of a note appearing as a preface: "To give individuals possessing the most diverse experience in agricultural and rural matters an opportunity for placing before the Commission their views on those subjects with which each individual is himself particularly familiar." The questionnaire gives an excellent idea of the variety of problems with which the Commission is called on to deal. Every branch of agricultural science and practice is represented, including such subjects as veterinary medicine, irrigation and forests. There are questions on agricultural education, demonstration and propaganda, finance, labour, marketing and rural welfare. A long string of questions deals with the co-operative movement, which has made such marked progress in India of recent years.

DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENT.

H.M. CANADIAN PLENIPOTENTIARY AT WASHINGTON.

RUGBY, November 25th.

It is announced that the King has been pleased to approve of the appointment of the Hon. Charles Vincent Massey as His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington to represent the interests of the Dominion of Canada. Reference to the appointment of a Canadian diplomatic representative in Washington was made in the report of Imperial Relations Committee of the Imperial Conference.

While the committee recognised that in the conduct of foreign affairs the major share of responsibility rests now and must for some time continue to rest with the British Government, nevertheless practically all the Dominions are engaged—some to a considerable extent—in the conduct of foreign relations, particularly those with foreign countries on their borders. The growing work in connection with the relations between Canada and the United States was cited as an example.

The Imperial Relations Committee expressed the view that "Most fruitful results can be anticipated from co-operation of His Majesty's representatives in the United States already initiated and now further to be developed." The Hon. C. V. Massey is a member of the Canadian Privy Council and has held ministerial rank in Canada. The interests of the Irish Free States are also represented in Washington by a Minister Plenipotentiary.

U.S. TORNADO DISASTER.

60 KILLED DURING THANKS-GIVING CELEBRATIONS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, November 26th.

Sixty were killed and 150 injured, according to latest information available, as the result of a Tornado in Arkansas, Missouri, which suddenly swept down on many homes in a number of scattered towns and hamlets last night in the midst of rejoicing and merry-making on Thanksgiving Day. It destroyed nearly all the telegraph and telephone lines.

Tremendous Damage.

LATER.

It is estimated that 30 were killed and 50 injured at Heber Springs, Cleburn County, where a dozen blocks of buildings were mown down by a hurricane. The streets were choked with debris and many houses caught fire, adding to the horror.

Eight were killed and 30 injured at Moscow, Arkansas, and 3 were killed and 30 injured at Brandville, Missouri, where a church and most of the business premises were destroyed.

Many were enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner when the ominous rumbling of the approaching Tornado was succeeded in a few seconds by pandemonium, the shrieks of women and children penetrating the roar of the wind.

Earlier Report.

Little Rock, Arkansas, Nov. 26th.
At least thirteen have been killed in a tornado which swept North Arkansas.

SIR ALAN COBHAM IN NEW YORK.

ARRIVAL PLANS UPSET BY ROUGH WEATHER.

New York, November 26th.

Rough weather upset Sir Alan Cobham's idea of making a picturesque arrival in New York City. Sir Alan, accompanied by his wife on board the *Hymeric* with a Moth seaplane on board, reached quarantine, when the seaplane was put overboard. Sir Alan, his wife and a mechanic took their seats in the machine with the intention of flying inland, but a swell prevented the Moth rising. It taxied some distance and was then taken in tow and brought to the Battery. The party were warmly welcomed.

BATTLE OF THE BOOTLEGGERS.

MACHINE GUNS IN CHICAGO STREETS.

CHICAGO, November 26th.

Two gangsters and one bystander were wounded in a machine-gun battle in Chicago streets, while a building at Harrisonburg was dynamited and riddled with bullets as the result of the renewed hostilities of rival gangs of bootleggers.

U.S. AND MEXICO.

A GRAVE SITUATION.

AMERICAN WORKERS ARMED.

WASHINGTON, November 25th.

While officials are of opinion that the United States cannot take action in Mexico at least till Mexico enforces the oil and land law which are due to operate in January, the United States Companies in Mexico are arming their employees with bombs and machine guns in order to protect their properties.

Question of U.S. Predominance.

WASHINGTON, November 25th.
A message from Mexico City says that the situation is regarded as exceptionally serious. Some quarters hint that the severe tone in Mr. Kylog's notes is due to the political significance of the Roman Catholic vote in America, but it is generally thought that the vital issue is not so much the fate of the American oil companies as the question of the predominance of the United States or Mexico in Central America, as is shown by America's recent declaration concerning foreign interference in Nicaragua.

"NOT AS OTHER MEN ARE."

AMERICA PLEASED WITH HERSELF.

A fundamentalist New England

Coolidge is manifest in every line of the United States Presidential proclamation fixing 25th November as a Thanksgiving date.

One passage reads: "The Almighty has smiled on our fields. They have brought forth plentifully. We are blessed among the nations of the earth. We are not unmindful of the gratitude we owe to God for His watchful care."

LOCAL WEDDING.

BADELY—HOLMES.

CEREMONY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday when Mr. J. E. Badley was married to Miss Evelyn Holmes, the only daughter of Mr. F. E. Holmes and Mrs. Holmes, of Beverley, Yorkshire. The bridegroom is well-known in Hong Kong, being the only son of the late Hon. Mr. F. J. Badley, former Captain Superintendent of Police in Hong Kong, who retired in 1915, and Mrs. Badley of St. John's Wood, London.

Mr. J. E. Badley is now a barrister in Shanghai with the firm of Hanson's.

The bride arrived in Hong Kong on Thursday afternoon by the *s.s. Macedonia*.

The Rev. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., officiated at the ceremony. The bride, who was charmingly dressed in a frock of melon pink georgette, and wore a brown velvet hat, was given away by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood. She carried a bouquet of red dahlias and red roses.

There was in attendance on the bride Master John Beach, while the duties of "best man" were carried out by Mr. D. H. Blake.

The cathedral was tastefully decorated, and Mr. F. Mason played appropriate music.

The wedding was attended by various members of the Hong Kong Civil Service and friends of the late Mr. Badley and of the bridegroom. Among those present were the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hobbins, the Hon. Mr. E. D. O. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, the Hon. Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Mr. T. H. King and others.

Following the Cathedral ceremony, a reception was held.

The honeymoon is being spent at Fanling.

BIG BLAZE AT TAI O.

MATHSED VILLAGE BURNED OUT.

CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

From the very meagre reports to hand, it would appear that a mathsed village at Tai O has been gutted.

Early on Thursday evening word reached the Colony that a fire of a serious character had broken out in the Tai O district. The No. 3 Fire Float, the largest of the local fire floats, was immediately despatched to the scene. By the time it reached the spot, some three hours away from Hong Kong, the fire had become a veritable conflagration, and had demolished many of the flimsy and highly inflammable mathsed structures.

Work was at once commenced to check the growth and spread of the flames, although it was found impossible to save the mathsed already burning. However, a number of the structures were saved, and the Fire Float returned to Hong Kong some hours later, the fire by that time having been extinguished.

One report states that between 60 and 100 mathsed were destroyed, while another report puts the figure as high as between 400 and 500. It is also stated that mathsed were destroyed both at Tai O and also on the mainland.

Yesterday, No. 4 Police Launch, with Mr. Burlingham (D.S.P.) on board, visited Tai O, and returned to Hong Kong last evening. As the report will not be made to Police Headquarters until this morning, further details are not available. No lives, so far as can be ascertained, were lost.

A PRISONER'S DEATH.

WHILE SERVING SENTENCES.

Admitted to the Victoria Gaol on October 9th this year to serve a sentence of three weeks' hard labour for unlawful possession, and twelve months' hard labour for returning from banishment, (the sentences to run concurrently) a Chinese prisoner died early yesterday morning in the Victoria Gaol Hospital.

At the inquiry, held by Mr. R. E. Lindell, sitting as Coroner with a jury, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, it was stated by Dr. Craig, Prison Medical Officer, that the man since his admission to prison had been in an extremely emaciated condition, was suffering from general debility and showed signs of tuberculosis. A post-mortem examination had revealed that his lungs were in an advanced stage of tuberculosis and he had chronic valvular disease of the heart. This was the cause of death.

The jury returned a verdict of "Death from Natural Causes."

WARRANT FOR ARREST CANCELLED.

Before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. T. Prior mentioned a case in which a warrant had been issued for the arrest of a woman, who was a partner in a firm, for embezzlement.

The woman took the money and did not account for it. This money had now been returned and was in his (Mr. Prior's) possession. In order to convict the woman of any offence, continued Mr. Prior, the prosecution would have to satisfy the magistrate that there was very strong evidence of criminal intention. It had been agreed that the money would be returned in full settlement.

Mr. J. O'Donoghue agreed to an order being made for the cancellation of the warrant.

His Worship concurred and made the order accordingly.

CONSIGNEE NOTICES.

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LIMITED.

FROM LEITH, MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENGLOE."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd December, 1926, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 17th December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd December, 1926, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 26th November, 1926. [4237]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO'S STEAMER, "MAELONIA."

ARRIVED HONG KONG, 25th NOVEMBER, 1926.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, MALTA, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignee will be sorted out Mark by Mark and Delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before arrival of the Steamer. Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m., on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 15th December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 25th November, 1926. [4233]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "AUTOLYCUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for Delivery from Godowns on and after 25th November.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st December, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th December, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hong Kong, 25th November, 1926. [4231]

S.S. "GENERAL METZINGER."

SERVICES CONTRACTUAL DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, L.S. Co., also Cargo from HAVRE & BORDEAUX, by the "ROLLOU," in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence Delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Instructions are received from the Consignees before 12 Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Underwriter. Goods remaining undelivered after Tuesday, the 30th instant, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Wednesday, the 1st December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined on Tuesday morning, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

J. LIMAGE, Agent.

Hong Kong, 24th November, 1926. [4227]

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 15th December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hong Kong, 22nd November, 1926. [4218]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE Steamship "PREUSSEN"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 25th November, 1926, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must reach us by 1st December, 1926, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged Packages will be examined by Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS (Marine Surveyors) at 10 a.m. 27th November, 1926.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBSEN & Co.

Agents, Hong Kong.

Hong Kong, 23rd November, 1926. [4224]

OVER HALF A CENTURY'S REPUTATION

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YACHTING.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

ST. GEORGE'S & ST. ANDREW'S.

There will be another full programme of yachting this week-end.

This afternoon, there will be the fifth championship race for the racing yacht classes.

The course will be N. Fairway Buoy (S), Mark on Club Line (P); Cut Rock Buoy (S). The distance is approximately eight miles.

To-morrow will also see the annual race between St. George's and St. Andrew's Societies. The first race will be decided before tiffin, which will be served at the Club House, and there will be a second race in the afternoon.

There will be six boats on each side, and the boats sailed by St. George's in the morning will be sailed by St. Andrew's in the afternoon, and vice versa.

Total points collected on the two races will count, and the Society gaining the most points on the day's racing will be presented with the other Society's flag at the conclusion of the day. The distance for each race will be about six miles. There will also be an exhibition game of lawn bowls during the afternoon.

Altogether a very pleasant afternoon is promised.

The teams will be as under:—
St. Andrew's Society:—Mr. H. L. Shields, Admiral Stirling, Surg. Lieut. M. Brown, R.M., Mr. R. Sutherland, Capt. H. H. Bell, Mr. R. M. Jack.

St. George's Society:—Mr. H. S. Rouse, Mr. F. G. Vaux, Mr. H. J. Pearce, Mr. C. F. G. Gribb, Mr. N. Y. Croucher and Mr. A. N. O'Neil.

On Monday afternoon there will be the third championship race for the Ladies. The course for this race will be:—Lymun Beacon (P), Cut Rock Buoy (P). Distance, about five miles.

Some fifty people were present at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club on Thursday night when a farewell dinner was given to Rear-Admiral A. J. B. Stirling, C.B. Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commander of the Club) presided, and those present included Mr. A. L. Shields (Vice-Commander), the Hon. Mr. C. Mc. Messer, O.B.E., Lt. Comdr. R. A. Yonge, R.N., Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. F. Oliver (hon. secretary), Mr. H. R. Cleland (hon. treasurer) and Mr. H. S. House (sailing secretary).

Admiral Stirling has served with the committee during the two years he has spent in Hong Kong and he competed in races in his yacht, the *Admiral*.

During the evening several felicitous speeches were made by members of the Club, in which reference was made to the keen interest Admiral Stirling had taken in the Club and yachting activities since he had become a member.

SQUADRON AQUATIC SPORTS.

KEENLY CONTESTED EVENTS.

H.M.S. "HERMES" WINS AGGREGATE CUP.

The China Squadron Annual Aquatic Sports were held yesterday evening at the Victoria Recreation Club's Bath, under ideal conditions.

All the events were keenly contested. H.M.S. *Hermes* won the Aggregate Cup with 28 points, with the *Titanic* a good second with 24 points. The *Hawkins* came third with 18 points (fourth, *Ambrrose*, 12 points; fifth, *Vindictive*, 7 points; *Carlisle*, 4 points).

The *Vindictive* Band played throughout the proceedings.

Prizes were distributed at the conclusion of the sports by Mrs. Chapple, who was received with rousing cheers.

The officials were: Capt. Halifax (Chairman), president, Lieut. Comdr. Chapple (Honorary), Lieut. Comdr. Chapelle (Honorary), Lieut. Comdr. Sg. Bom. Warner, Sgt. Fernheugh, Sgt. Bollwell, Midshipman E. A. Blue-dell (time-keeper).

Results.

400 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, A.B. Lonsdale (*Titanic*); 2, Sto. Hayman (*Hawkins*); 3, L.S. Ford (*Titanic*). Time: 6mins. 8.4-5secs.

PLUNGING COMPETITION.—1, S.B.P.O. Pyne (*Ambrrose*); 2, L.S. Player (*Titanic*); 3, E.R.A. Duckworth (*Ambrrose*). Distance: 49.5 feet.

50 YARDS RACE FOR MEN IN 2ND PERIOD.—1, P.O. Landeryou (*Hermes*); 2, C.P.O. Lynch (*Hawkins*); 3, L.S. Martin (*Hawkins*). Time: 25secs.

100 YARDS BREAST STROKE.—1, Corpl. Lidster (*Hermes*); 2, Ord. Elson (*Hawkins*); 3, L.S. Ford (*Titanic*). Time: 23.2-5secs.

100 YARDS OPEN TO MEN UNDER 20.—1, Sto. Bone (*Hawkins*); 2, Ord. Mooring (*Carlisle*); 3, Boy Boyse (*Hermes*). Time: 1min. 15.2-5secs.

DRIVING COMPETITION.—1, Mr. Warner (*Hermes*); 2, Sto. Taylor (*Titanic*); 3, L.S. Ford (*Titanic*).

100 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, Sto. Cocklin (*Hermes*); 2, P.O. Landeryou (*Hermes*); 3, A.C. Carpenter (*Vindictive*). Time: 1min. 17.3-5secs.

OFFICERS' TEAM RACE.—1, H.M.S. *Ambrrose*; 2, H.M.S. *Hermes*; 3, *Titanic*. Time: 2mins. 14secs.

100 YARDS OPEN TO THE COLONY.—1, Pte. Faulkner (K.O.S.B.); 2, Mr. Lawrence; 3, P.C. Edwards. Time: 1min. 15secs.

100 YARDS BACK STROKE.—1, Corpl. Lidster (*Hermes*); 2, Ord. Elson (*Hawkins*); 3, Boy Boyse (*Hermes*). Time: 1min. 22.4-5secs.

200 YARDS FREE STYLE.—1, A.B. Lonsdale (*Titanic*); 2, L.S. Franks (*Titanic*); 3, A.C. Prestage (*Hermes*). Time: 4mins. 43.9-5secs.

50 YARDS OBSTACLE RACE.—1, Ord. Hatch (*Carlisle*); 2, Ord. Elson (*Hawkins*); 3, A.B. Stanbury (*Hermes*). Time: 41.2-5secs.

LIFE SAVING RACE.—1, Corpl. Lidster (*Hermes*); 2, Mde. Kelly (*Vindictive*); 3, Boy Boyse (*Hermes*). Time: 49.2-5secs.

TOO-OR-WAR.—1, *Titanic*; 2, *Vindictive*.

INTER-SHIP TEAM RACE.—1, *Ambrrose*; 2, *Hawkins*; 3, *Hermes*; 4, *Carlisle*.

LAWN BOWLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

FINALS OF SINGLES AND DOUBLES TO-DAY.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB THE VENUE.

The finals of the Lawn Bowls Singles Championship and the Doubles Championship of the Colony will be decided this afternoon. The venue is the Kowloon Cricket Club's green, and the committee and members of the K.C.C. have extended a cordial invitation to members of Bowls Clubs and their friends to witness the finals.

In the Open Singles Championship, the finalists are: U. M. Omar (Craigengower Cricket Club) and A. Gourlay (Kowloon Dock Recreation Club).

Omar won the Championship in 1922, and was one of the players to represent Hong Kong in the interport bowls match against Shanghai in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

He did well in these matches as No. 1. Gourlay has reached the final for the first time. He has many years experience locally in the game, and there should be keen contest to-day, although Omar is expected to win.

The Doubles.

In the Doubles Championship of the Colony, T. D. E. Pendered and R. A. Smith (Civil Service Cricket Club) have reached the final round. Pendered is a newcomer as regards bowls, and Smith has been here for a couple of years. They have defeated L. O. R. Souza and C. Silva; F. Knott and G. E. Roylance; F. J. Neves and W. B. Musket; W. Wotherpoon and G. Morrison.

T. Grimes and H. McKechnie (Kowloon Dock R.C.) qualified for the other final place by defeating S. Gray and W. Greig on Thursday by 18 points to 14 points.

In reaching the final they defeated the following:—R. Lapsley and J. McLagan; McTavish and McKeller; Oswald and Gregory; S. Gray and W. Greig.

The matches will commence at 3 p.m., and at their conclusion the distribution of prizes, including the Spey Royal Cup and the presentation of the Second Division Flag, will take place.

GUILLOTINE SENTENCE ON A WOMAN.

The question whether a woman should be executed by the guillotine was recently agitating French legal circles as a result of the passing of the death sentence by the Assize Court at Douai upon Mme. Lefebvre, a member of one of the wealthiest families in the north of France, for the murder of her daughter-in-law, of whom she was jealous.

The judge sentenced her to be guillotined in a public square in the town of Lille. The condemned woman is more than 60 years of age.

Flowers first came into prominence in 1877, when, playing for the Coits of England against the M.C.C., he took W. G. Grace's wicket in each inning. His last appearance for Notts was in 1896, when he scored 107 against Sussex at Trent Bridge.

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Willfred Flowers, the famous Nottinghamshire cricketer, died suddenly at Nottingham at the end of October, aged sixty-nine. He was the first professional to score more than 1,000 runs and take more than 100 wickets in a season in first-class matches. This was in 1883, when his aggregates were 1,144 runs and 143 wickets.

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